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Senator Ralph E. Flanders *card*  
P. O. Box 477  
Springfield, Vermont

Dear Ralph:

Thank you for your letter of 20 September telling me about your plans for Lyndon College. I am impressed by the vigor with which you are setting out to achieve your admirable objectives.

Unfortunately, I cannot commit myself to join you on 14 October. As you are aware, these are unusual times not only in the world and in Washington in general, but also in the affairs of this Agency. At this time I need to stay close to the business at hand.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

O/DDCI/Welder:bd (28 Sept 61)

Retyped: O/DDCI/bd (29 Sept 61) to change "Senator Flanders" to "Ralph"

Orig & 1 - Addressee

X - DCI *Tie Reading*

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1 - Leg. Counsel via IG

1 - Col. Grogan

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Col. Grogan concurred  
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